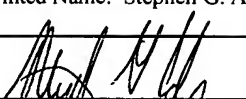


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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | DATE: February 1, 2005 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. Application No. (if known): 10/522904 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP2003/002614 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: March 6, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: August 9, 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: EXPANDABLE STYRENE RESIN PARTICLES, PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES AND MOLDED FOAM USING THE SAME | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Takamasa IMAI et al. | | |
| Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <p>1. <u>XX</u> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <u> </u> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <u>XX</u> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <u>XX</u> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <u>XX</u> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):</p> <p>a. <u> </u> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <u>XX</u> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <u> </u> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <u>XX</u> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <u>XX</u> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <u> </u> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <u>XX</u> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <u> </u> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <u> </u> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <u> </u> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <u>XX</u> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <u> </u> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <u>XX</u> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <u> </u> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</p> <p>11. <u>XX</u> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO-1449.</p> <p>12. <u>XX</u> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <u>Kaneka Corporation, Osaka, Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application.</p> <p>13. <u>XX</u> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <u> </u> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76</p> <p>15. <u> </u> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <u> </u> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <u> </u> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <u> </u> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <u> </u> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <u> </u> Other items or information:</p> | | |

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| 21. <u>XX</u> The following fees are submitted: Basic National Stage Fee National Stage Search Fee National Stage Examination Fee ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | | | CALCULATIONS \$ 300.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 200.00 \$1,000.00 | PTO USE ONLY |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | | | | | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| TOTAL | 24 -20 = | 4 | X \$ 50.00 | \$ 200.00 | |
| INDEPENDENT | 2 - 3 = | | X \$ 200.00 | | |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$1,200.00 | |
| National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets \$ 250.00. | | | | | |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$1,200.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + | | | | | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$1,200.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ 40.00 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$1,240.00 | |
| | | | | Amount to be: | |
| | | | | refunded | \$ |
| | | | | charged | \$ |
| a. <u>XX</u> A check in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$300.00 for basic national stage fee; \$500.00 for national stage search fee; \$200.00 for national stage examination fee, \$200 for 4 additional claims and \$40.00 for the assignment recordation fee). b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.) c. <u>XX</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status. | | | | | |
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| Typed or Printed Name: Stephen G. Adrian | | | Reg. No.: 32,878 | | |
| Signature  | | | Date: February 1, 2005 | | |

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